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TAGS: PINT, SGEN, SOCI, GR

SUBJECT: NEW THESSALONIKI METROPOLITAN ENTHRONED AMIDST  
CHURCH DISCORD

REF: THESSALONIKI'S 359

1. AFTER PROTRACTED DELAY, NEWLY-NAMED METROPOLITAN OF THESSALONIKI, PANTELEIMON, WAS ENTHRONED IN ST. SOPHIA CHURCH CEREMONY AUGUST 3. DELAY OCCASIONED BY REFUSAL OUSTED METROPOLITAN, LEONIDAS (REFTEL), TURN OVER OFFICE AND DOCUMENTS TO REPRESENTATIVES HIS SUCCESSOR UNTIL PUBLICATION NOTICE LATTER'S APPOINTMENT IN GOVT GAZETTE. THESSALONIKI PRESS AUG 4 CARRIED RELIGIOUS MESSAGE TO THESSALONIANS FROM PANTELEIMON, WHO HAD BEEN METROPOLITAN OF SAMOS SINCE 1965. PRESS ALSO NOTED PRESENCE AT RELATIVELY LOW-KEY CEREMONY OF THESSALONIKI MAYOR CHRISTOS FLORIDES AS RANKING GUEST.

2. AUG 4 PRESS ALSO CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF ARRESTS NIGHT OF AUGUST 2 OF EIGHT INDIVIDUALS FOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS AGAINST HOLY SYNOD AND BISHOPS IT HAD RECENTLY ELECTED. OFFICIAL CHARGES WERE VIOLATING CHARTER OF CHURCH OF GREECE AND SLANDERING CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

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3. COMMENT: SOME 15,000 LEAFLETS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SENT FROM ATHENS WERE STREWN OVER DOWNTOWN STREETS. THOSE ARRESTED, IDENTIFIED MOSTLY AS THEOLOGY STUDENTS AND A TEACHER, REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF ZOI, MILITANT RIGHTIST CHURCH GROUP, OF WHICH LEONIDAS LOCAL LEADER, AND WHICH SUPPORTED BISHOPS APPOINTED IN PAPADOPOULOS ERA.  
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